

Whilst not equipped for serious moth-hunting, I noted the following during the week — mainly disturbed from the undergrowth. Yellow Shell (*Euphyia bilineata* L.), one on St. Mary's, three on St. Agnes and one on Samson. Cinnabar (*Callimorpha jacobaeae* L.), two on St. Agnes. Six-spot Burnet (*Zygaena filipendulae* L.), one on St. Agnes. Small Blood-vein (*Scopula imitaria* Hb.), one on Tresco. Red-necked Footman (*Atolmis rubricollis* L.), common on Tresco, usually flying around tree-tops. Common Rustic (*Apamea secalis* L.), one on Samson. Dark-barred Twin-spot Carpet (*Xanthorhoe ferrugata* Cl.), one on Samson.

I spent the next week at Fowey, Cornwall and in the immediate vicinity recorded Speckled Wood, Meadow Brown, Large White, Small White, Green-veined White, Large Skipper (*Ochlodes venata* B. & G.), Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Common Blue, Ringlet (*Aphantopus hyperantus* L.), Orange-tip (*Anthocharis cardamines* L.) and Wall (*Pararge megera* L.).

The most interesting sighting, however, was of two Marsh Fritillaries (*Euphydryas aurinia* Rott.) along the St. Austell to Fowey road about a mile and a half from the latter. They flew from the grass verge into an adjoining field settling briefly on some Foxgloves before flying purposefully away. Were they "migrating" to a new locality? The only day-flying moths noted were four Six-spot Burnets near Gribbin Head, and three fresh Garden Tigers (*Arctia caja* L.) at Bodinnick. — G. SUMMERS, 23, West Close, Stafford, Staffs. ST16 3TG.

DEATH'S-HEAD HAWKMOTH (*ACHERONTIA ATROPOS* L.) IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. — Mr. William Pedley, a fellow member of the Wildlife Sound Recording Society, informed me recently that an acquaintance of his, Mr. James Dudley of Hartwell, Northamptonshire, discovered two well grown larvae of this species in a potato patch on an allotment near that place known as Little Jeffs. The first larva was found on 6th September and the second on 12th October, some 50 yards away. Both are now in the possession of Mr. Pedley who has promised to let me know if and when the moths emerge. — J. F. BURTON, B.B.C. Natural History Unit, Broadcasting House, Bristol, BS8 2LR, 6.xi.1975.

HIPPARCHIA ALGIRICA SARDOA SPULER 1902 TYPE LOCALITY SARDINIA. SYN. PAPILIO ARISTAEUS BONELLI 1826 (INVALID HOMONYM). — In a recent article Mr. O. Kudrna has pointed out that the name of *Papilio aristaeus* Bonelli accepted everywhere for 150 years, is an invalid homonym. Therefore the beautiful, brightly marked form from Sardinia and Corsica needs another name, which should be *sardoa* Spuler, 1902. The butterfly is too well-known to need description here, and the purpose of this note is to establish Spuler's name *sardoa* in place of the familiar *aristaeus* of Bonelli. It is suggested that Aritso should be accepted as the precise locality. — L. G. HIGGINS, Focklesbrook Farm, Chobham, Woking, Surrey.